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AS TO VACCINATION.

The provincial government is doubtless by this time convinced that it should have more promptly co-operated with the St. John board of health, and hastened the work of compulsory vaccination. The board should by every possible means expedite the work and see that it is thoroughly done. This, as the Star has already pointed out, is essential not merely because cases of smallpox now exist, but because with the disease prevalent in other parts of Canada and the United States, as well as in the old country, there is always the possibility of infection. This paper is not informed as to the system adopted by which the board will be in a position to say when the work has been completed, but the citizens will expect thoroughness. It will not, for example, be considered satisfactory if a doctor accepts off-hand the assurance of one member of a family that all the other members have been vaccinated. Such assurances are not in all cases to be relied on.

BY-ELECTIONS IN ONTARIO.

Mr. Foster is more than sustaining his high reputation in Ontario as a political speaker. He is in great demand at gatherings where public questions are seriously discussed. It appears to be taken for granted in Ontario that Mr. Foster will before long be back in parliament as the representative of a constituency in that province. This, of course, could not happen until next general election if the Ontario electors should adopt the policy which is advocated by Dr. McLeod's opponents in York. But the rule is not everywhere where preached that the elections should always result in favor of the government. The by-elections in Ontario will be contested, and we hope that all liberal conservatives in York and elsewhere will wish their party success in these campaigns.

RURAL DEPOPULATION.

For some time past the board of agriculture in England has been brought face to face with the fact that the rural districts are being depopulated. According to one authority, within the present generation one million people engaged in productive pursuits have disappeared from the farms, and so far every attempt to stop the exodus has failed. One explanation given is that youths on farms are receiving too much education of the head and too little of the hands. An example is cited of a class of thirty-six boys in one class. When they had reached a certain point in their education twenty-four of them went away to the towns. Now the board contemplates a substantial annual appropriation for prizes for plowing, and the like; the establishment of village clubs and the provision of numerous schemes for adding interest and variety to country life.

On the 15th of January there will be ten by-elections for the dominion parliament. The constituencies in which these elections are to be held are: West Durham, West Hastings, Kingston, West York, Addington, Beauce, L'Islet, Laval, St. James Division, Montreal, Queens, P. E. I. Five are in Ontario, four in Quebec and one in Prince Edward Island.

At the nomination proceedings in Fredericton Saturday Mr. Gibson refused to answer Dr. McLeod's direct question as to whether he intended to run a pure election or not. And yet Mr. Gibson's written promise is held by the conservative candidate. That was made before the campaign was called on.

YORK NOMINATION.

Mr. Gibson Refused to Say Whether He Will Run a Pure Election or Not.

On Saturday Rev. Dr. McLeod and Alex. Gibson, Jr., were nominated to represent York County in the federal parliament. At the close of the nomination proceedings a meeting was held at the Opera house, addresses by the candidates and D. C. Fraser, M. P. Mr. Gibson occupied about fifteen minutes of time trying to excuse himself to the electorate for having accomplished only four things during the year he had been in parliament. He voted to increase his sessional indemnity; he had a relative appointed censor; he had a mail contract taken away from a temperance man, who voted against him, and given to a rum seller; he had a nephew appointed post office clerk.

Dr. McLeod's address took up about an hour and a quarter and during that time he made his position pretty clear. After paying some attention to the Gleaner, Dr. McLeod denied the canvass that he had said Mr. Gibson was illiterate and a man of no ability. Passing on he took up the matter of the other candidate's performance while in office, and coming to the matter of the purity campaign, asked Mr. Gibson if he intended to run a clean election or not. Mr. Gibson made no reply. Mr. McLeod then took up and

riddled the canvasses which are being made against him and closed his address amidst great applause. D. C. Fraser, M. P., followed and Mr. McLeod was allowed twenty minutes to answer him.

OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The war office has approved the list of officers for the first 600 of the third Canadian contingent. The list does not include those who have been proposed for the two new companies of the contingent. Lt. Col. Cameron, D. S. O. Royal Scots, who is down for a captaincy, will be made major, which will lead to other promotions. The list of officers is as follows: Lt. Col. commanding, Col. T. R. D. Evans, C. B.; major second in command, Major W. Hamilton Merritt, Toronto; adjutant, Sergt. Major Church, N. W. M. P.; quartermaster, Q. M. S. Graham, Canadian Mounted Rifles; medical officer, Surgeon Capt. Devine, Winnipeg; veterinary officer, Vet. Lieut. Riddell, C. M. R.; transport officer, Capt. Snider, Portage la Prairie. Captains, Lt. Col. Cameron, 5th Royal Scots, likely to be appointed major; Lieutenant, J. E. Leckie, Vancouver; Capt. Moodie, N. W. M. P.; Capt. Elmsley, R. C. Toronto; Major G. F. Macdonald, Dunville; Major R. E. Leckie, R. C. R. I. Vancouver. Subalterns, Capt. P. E. Thacher, R. C. R. I.; Lt. W. R. Marshall, 13th Regiment, Hamilton; Lt. Markham, 8th Hussars; Capt. Bruce Carruthers, 14th Kingston; T. Callaghan, Calgary, formerly Canadian Mounted Rifles; Inspector Demers, N. W. M. P.; Lt. Homer Dixon, R. C. R. I.; Sgt. Maj. Richard, N. W. M. P.; Lt. Sharto, Douglas, late R. C. D.; Winnipeg; Lt. Brunton, late R. C. R. I.; Lt. J. D. H. Graham, 43rd Ottawa; Capt. Fishurst, N. W. M. P.; Lt. Clarkson, R. C. A., Kingston; Lt. Gault, 5th Royal Scots, Montreal; Lt. Tryon, late C. N. R.; Capt. Ashmead, Quebec; Major Woodside, unattached, late of Dawson; Lt. Mackay, 8th Royal Scots, Montreal; Lt. H. A. Ryan, R. C. R., Halifax; Lt. H. Lambkin, R. C. R., Halifax, formerly of Quebec; Lt. Farrell, 66th Halifax; Cadet Loudon, R. M. C. Kingston; Lt. J. W. Allen, 5th Royal Scots, Montreal; Lt. E. B. Allan, Windsor, Ont., late R. C. D.

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LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

A union meeting of the evangelical churches of the north end was held in the Methodist church yesterday afternoon, when an address on the Sabbath observance question was delivered by Rev. J. G. Shearer, the secretary of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance. Rev. Geo. Steel presided at the service, which was opened by prayer by Rev. Alex. White. Revs. David Long and G. Foster were also present. In the course of his admirable address Rev. Mr. Shearer spoke of the great progress made in the organization of branch societies of the Alliance since his visit here a year ago last September. There were then only 129 branches throughout the maritime provinces, while now there are 270. Mr. Shearer has just completed a tour through Nova Scotia, where he has organized branches in all the leading towns. On Thursday night he opened a branch in Sackville, of which Rev. Geo. Steel was elected president, and on Friday a branch in Dorchester, with Jas. Taylor as president. Each society starts with a membership of about thirty. He leaves today for Toronto, and will return to this province after Jan. 1, where he will spend several weeks organizing societies in various places, beginning at Campbellton. A principal object of the Lord's Day Alliance will be held in St. John early in February.

WINTER PORT MATTERS.

Str. Corinthian, of the Allan line, sailed at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon for Liverpool via Halifax. She took away four loads of grain, 500 standards of deals, 16 carloads of perishable goods, 20 of cheese and eggs, 20 of hay, 453 cattle, 663 sheep and a lot of sundries. Eight first cabin, 22 second cabin, and 29 steerage passengers boarded the ship here.

REV. GEORGE STEEL CALLED TO SACKVILLE.

Rev. Geo. Steel, pastor of Portland Street Methodist Church, has received a unanimous invitation to take charge of the Sackville circuit. It is understood that he has accepted the call. The charge will not occur until after the meeting of the conference, next summer, by which time Mr. Steel will have occupied the Portland Methodist pulpit for ten or fifteen years. The limit for a Methodist pastorate.

The Sackville church to which Mr. Steel will go is the one where he first entered upon his duties as a minister about 25 years ago. This is the second unanimous call he has had to the same church since.

The work of fitting up the Thomson liner Huron for the second shipment of horses to South Africa is progressing rapidly. The horses leave Montreal today and will probably reach Sand Point tomorrow afternoon. The ship is expected to sail Thursday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Laurier says there is no truth in the story cabled from London that he offered his services as a mediator between the British government and the Boers, so as to bring about a settlement of the war in South Africa. Frank Wabey, a half-breed, convicted of manslaughter at Hull a few days ago, was sentenced to five years in St. Vincent de Paul yesterday. He killed a man named McCabe.

Lord Minto received a cable yesterday stating that Archibald Purvis of Portage la Poudre is dangerously ill of enteric fever at Bloemfontein.

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In the pulpit, his flowing white beard, a little closer scrutiny of the printed page, and a little unobtrusive pointing of fingers, in turning the pages of Bible or hymn book, suggested advancing years, but the voice was a strong man's voice, the gestures were vigorous, and the exposition of the text clear and connected.

His text was the 30th verse of the first chapter of First Corinthians, and the lesson taught was that just so far as the believer appropriates Jesus Christ to himself he has wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. The difference between belief and unbelief, the need of conversion, the splendid example of Paul, the futility of effort that is not preceded by conversion, the glory that awaits those who bring Christ into their lives and keep him there, and the misery that will be the portion of others, were set forth by the preacher, and followed by an appeal to his hearers to give more earnest thought to matters affecting their eternal welfare.

To the thoughtful mind, more impressive than the words was the speaker thereof, proclaiming with the same unflinching faith at 86 years the message he had proclaimed years ago, to the fathers and the mothers of the present generation.

JOKE ON CAMPANARI.

(Leah's Weekly.) Musical artists are notoriously indifferent to details, and Mr. Campanari, the baritone, is scarcely an exception, as this little experience of his would seem to show. He was engaged to sing at Madison. "But you are not to stop at the hotel, but at a private house," he was told. Two other musicians were engaged for the same evening. "What private house?" asked Mr. Campanari. "Hamilton McKay Twombly's," was the answer, but no explanation was added that Mr. Twombly was a Vandal.

"Will they send a carriage for me from the house where I am to sing?" inquired the baritone, as he looked through the score of "La Boheme," occupied with thoughts of a rehearsal about to begin.

"Of course," said the manager. Later Mr. Campanari, thinking that he was to stop at one house and sing at another, and that dinner for his colleagues and himself was a not unimportant affair, got his note book from his pocket and telegraphed to the address of the "private house." "J. McK. Twombly. Have two chickens and two bottles of wine ready for me tomorrow at 5 o'clock.—G. Campanari."

This duty done he felt better and on the arrival of the train he alighted to find a carriage and coachman and footman in waiting. His colleagues departed in another direction. He alone was to stop at the "private house."

As he bowed along the country road a dim presentiment grew in Mr. Campanari's mind, a presentiment that grew to a well defined horror during a dinner of many courses. All the time he hoped that the telegram had miscarried. After the coffee a waiter came in carrying a tray, on it were two roast chickens and two bottles of wine. For the rest of the evening Mr. Twombly delighted at the mistake, introduced Mr. Campanari to all the pretty girls present at the musical, explaining "This is the man who was afraid he would not get enough to eat." The singer's telegram for two roast chickens and two bottles of wine he has had framed as a souvenir.

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MAJOR OGILVY DEAD.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The governor general has received a cable, announcing the death from wounds received in action of Major J. H. C. Ogilvy of the S. A. C. Deceased was a son of John Ogilvy of Montreal, and was born February 19, 1872. He accepted a commission and served with great distinction in South Africa with the first contingent, gaining D. S. O. Early this year he received a commission on the South African Constabulary.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Hon. Mr. Borden has received a cable from the war office, stating that the imperial authorities would be glad to accept a field hospital corps or a bearer company, to be sent with the Mounted Rifles.

It was decided to send a field hospital corps. It will be organized without delay. The officers will consist of one lieutenant colonel surgeon, Col. Worthington of Sherbrooke, one major, Surgeon Major D. C. Jones of Halifax, one captain and two lieutenants. The rank and file will consist of thirty-five non-commissioned officers and men.

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HIS FUN.

(Philadelphia Press.) She (watching the steerage passengers)—See those two German girls! What lovely hair they have! Now, that's what I call real golden hair. He—Nonsense. Can't you see it's plaited?

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